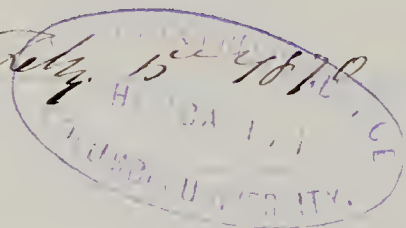


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My Dear Prof. Torrey

I received your  
favor of the 4<sup>th</sup> ult - and  
attended to your request  
in due time - I placed the  
package in Mr. Peck's  
hands & he forwarded, as  
Wm. H. Peck & he are ~~former~~  
correspondents. Mr. Greey.  
Yes! work to the end of  
life & that would be a  
pleasure if one did  
not have to do with  
Legislators or with financial  
officers who think everything  
about science so much  
wasted - or so much that  
they don't have the handling  
of for profit & convenience.

There is no chance of my  
being able to attend our  
April Meeting of the Academy  
so long as I am connected  
with the State Cabinet.

I would not feel safe  
in leaving while the  
Legislature is in session.

- It is a pity and a shame  
that we cannot have  
one meeting instead of  
two in each year -

Look at Northampton  
with four, five or six  
members present -

The Association will grow  
more & more important, and I  
fear for the Academy  
so soon as Prof. Henry  
ceases to exercise his  
influence - I remain  
only, because Prof. H. and a few

I then desire it - We would  
have left references but  
for Prof. C. G. F. 's urgency  
& have no room now -  
I cannot afford the expense  
of attending a meeting & find  
no naturalist present as  
last year at Northampton  
I am very sincerely  
Yours  
Lamm Hall

Prof John Torrey  
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